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## State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

November 3, 2017  
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Nuestro School  
3934 Broadway Rd.  
Live Oak, CA 95953

Attention: Joe Hendricks

**Subject: Nuestro School - Public Water System No. 5100142 - Citation No. 21-17C-037 for Failure to Comply With a Permit Amendment Condition for Maximum Arsenic Concentration Provided to Consumers.**

The Nuestro School water system (System) is classified as a nontransient - noncommunity water system. Per Permit Amendment No. 01-02-93(P)51028A3, Condition 'e', the System's treated water shall not exceed 10 micrograms per liter (ug/L) for arsenic. Our records show that treated water sampled in October 2017, resulted in an arsenic level of 20 ug/L. The System is receiving a citation for failure to comply with this permit condition. Please read this citation carefully and complete all directives.

Note that Section 116577 of the California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for the Division to be reimbursed by the Water System for costs incurred for preparing and issuing a citation. In accordance with Section 116577, the Water System will be billed for the preparation and issuance of this citation.

Any person who is aggrieved by an order or decision issued by the Division, may file a petition with the State Water Board for reconsideration of the order or decision. Petitions must be received by the State Board within 30 days of the issuance of the order or decision. The date of issuance is the date when the Division mails a copy of the order or decision. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day. Petitions must be received by 5:00 p.m. See attached Applicable Authorities for relevant statutory provisions for filing a petition.

For more Information regarding filing petitions, visit the following website:  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Paul Rowe at (530) 224-4866 or me at (530) 224-4861.

Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E.  
Valley District Engineer  
DRINKING WATER FIELD  
OPERATIONS BRANCH

Enclosure

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2 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
3 **STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
4 **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**  
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8 To: Nuestro School  
9 Attn: Joe Hendricks, Principal  
10 3934 Broadway Rd.  
11 Live Oak, CA 95953  
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13 **Issued:** November 3, 2017  
14 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT  
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17 **CITATION NO. 21-17C-037 FOR VIOLATION OF**  
18 **CONDITION 'e' OF PERMIT AMENDMENT 01-02-93(P) 51028A3**  
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20 Section 116650 of Chapter 4 of Part 12 of Division 104 of the California Health and  
21 Safety Code (H&S Code) authorizes the issuance of a citation for failure to comply  
22 with a requirement of the California Safe Drinking Water Act or any regulation,  
23 standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.  
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25 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and  
26 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director  
27 for the Division, hereby issues this Citation to Nuestro School for failure to comply

1 with applicable conditions of Permit Amendment No. 01-02-93(P)51028A3 (issued  
2 June 4, 2014).

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4 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

5 See Attachment 'A' for Applicable Authorities.

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7 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

8 Nuestro School (hereinafter, "System") is a nontransient - noncommunity water  
9 system located in Sutter County that supplies water for domestic purposes to  
10 approximately 120 people. The source of supply for the Water System is a  
11 groundwater well designated as Well 002 (Source Number 5100142-002). In 2008,  
12 the System installed an adsorptive treatment plant to remove arsenic from the  
13 source water.

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15 According to Permit Amendment No. 01-02-93(P) 51028A3, Condition 'e', the  
16 System's treated water entering the distribution system shall not exceed 10  
17 micrograms per liter (ug/L). On October 3, 2017, an arsenic sample was collected  
18 from the treated water at the Kitchen Sink sample point and resulted in an arsenic  
19 level of 20 ug/L.

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21 Citation No. 21-17C-015 was also issued on May 22, 2017, for the treated water  
22 exceeding 10 ug/L during the month of April 2017.

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24 **DETERMINATIONS**

25 Based on the above Statement of Facts, the State Board has determined that the  
26 System has failed to comply with Permit Amendment No. 01-02-93(P)51028A3,

Condition 'e', in that the treated water exceeded the arsenic level of 10 ug/L in October of 2017.

#### DIRECTIVES

The System is hereby directed to complete the following actions:

1. Comply with Permit Amendment No. 01-02-93(P) 51028A3, condition (e).
2. On or before **December 1, 2017**, submit to the Division a revised arsenic treatment system operations plan to state that media shall be changed out when the arsenic level in the distribution system (treated water) reaches 2.0 ug/L or greater.
3. The System shall provide a Tier 3 public notification (by inclusion in the **2017 Consumer Confidence Report**) of this citation for the failure to comply with the permit condition specified above.
4. The System shall complete a new monthly record keeping form that is being prepared by the Division to keep track of the gallons processed through each treatment vessel.

Nothing in this Citation relieves the System of its obligation to meet the requirements of Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California Safe Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or adopted thereunder. The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Order and shall be effective upon issuance.

1 All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division at the  
2 following address:

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4 Reese B. Crenshaw, P. E.  
5 Valley District Engineer  
6 State Water Resources Control Board  
7 Division of Drinking Water  
8 364 Knollcrest Dr. Suite 101  
9 Redding, CA 96002  
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11 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

12 The California Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) authorizes the Board to: issue  
13 citations with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for  
14 violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any  
15 regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder  
16 including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or  
17 compliance order.  
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19 The California SDWA also authorizes the Board to take action to suspend or revoke  
20 a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the system has violated  
21 applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the Board; and  
22 to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public  
23 water system that has failed to comply with or violates an order of the Board. The  
24 Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.  
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26 **PARTIES BOUND**

27 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its officers, directors,  
28 agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

1 **SEVERABILITY**

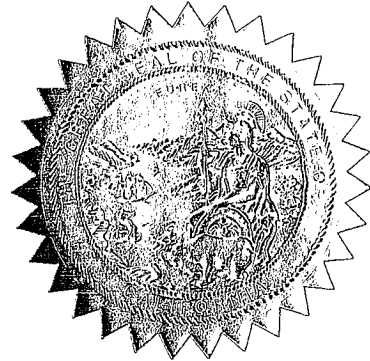
2 The directives of this Citation are severable, and the System shall comply with each  
3 and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

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5 11/3/17  
6 Date

R. Crenshaw  
Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E.,  
Valley District Engineer  
Division of Drinking Water  
State Water Resources Control Board

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11 **Attachments:**

12 Attachment A – Applicable Authorities  
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## ATTACHMENT A

### APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

#### Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

- (a) If the Department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.*
- (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.*
- (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.*
- (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).*
- (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.*

**Section 116701 of the CHSC states in relevant part:**

**Petitions to Orders and Decisions**

- (a) Within 30 days of issuance of an order or decision issued by the deputy director under Article 8 (commencing with Section 116625) or Article 9 (commencing with Section 116650), an aggrieved person may petition the state board for reconsideration. Where the order or decision of the deputy director is issued after a hearing under Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, this section shall apply instead of Section 11521 of the Government Code.*
- (b) The petition shall include the name and address of the petitioner, a copy of the order or decision for which the petitioner seeks reconsideration, identification of the reason the petitioner alleges the issuance of the order was inappropriate or improper, the specific action the petitioner requests, and other information as the state board may prescribe. The petition shall be accompanied by a statement of points and authorities of the legal issues raised by the petition.*
- (c) The evidence before the state board shall consist of the record before the deputy director and any other relevant evidence that, in the judgment of the state board, should be considered to implement the policies of this chapter. The state board may, in its discretion, hold a hearing for receipt of additional evidence.*
- (d) The state board may refuse to reconsider the order or decision if the petition fails to raise substantial issues that are appropriate for review, may deny the petition upon a determination that the issuance of the order or decision was appropriate and proper, may set aside or modify the order or decision, or take other appropriate action. The state board's action pursuant to this subdivision shall constitute the state board's completion of its reconsideration.*

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- (e) The state board, upon notice and hearing, if a hearing is held, may stay in whole or in part the effect of the order or decision of the deputy director.*
- (f) If an order of the deputy director is subject to reconsideration under this section, the filing of a petition for reconsideration is an administrative remedy that must be exhausted before filing a petition for writ of mandate under Section 116625 or 116700.*

**Permit Amendment No. 01-02-93(P)51028A3, Condition 'e' states:**

- (e) The treated water entering the distribution system shall not exceed 10.4 micrograms per liter (ug/L).*

**Section 64463.7, Title 22, of the CCR States in relevant part:**

**Tier 3 Public Notice**

- (a) Each water system shall give public notice pursuant to this section if any of the following occurs:
  - 1) Monitoring violations;*
  - 2) Failure to comply with a testing procedure, except where a Tier 1 public notice is required pursuant to section 64463.1 or the State Board determines that a Tier 2 public notice is required pursuant to section 64463.4; or*
  - 3) Operation under a variance or exemption.**
- (f) Each water system shall give the public notice within one year after it learns of the violation or begins operating under a variance or exemption.*

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- 1) *The water system shall repeat the public notice annually for as long as the violation, variance, exemption, or other occurrence continues.*
- 2) *Posted public notices shall remain in place for as long as the violation, variance, exemption, or other occurrence continues, but in no case less than seven days.*
- 3) *Instead of individual Tier 3 public notices, a water system may use an annual report detailing all violations and occurrences for the previous twelve months, as long as the water system meets the frequency requirements specified in this subsection.*